

Citizen Testimony on HB 64 before the Ohio Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee May 27, 2025

Chairman Schaffer, Vice Chair Koehler, and Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, thank you for the ability to submit written testimony on HB 64, the Senior Sportsman License Fairness Act. My name is Gary Garland Sr. and I am a resident of Ashtabula County. I could not travel to Columbus to give this testimony in person due to cancer treatments and my health.

I was the senior who contacted Representative Thomas in January on his first day in office about the age to qualify for a senior discount hunting license. I had just recently turned 65 and was looking forward to finally qualifying for the senior discount. When I went and found out the age to qualify was 66, I was frustrated because that just didn't really make sense.

I reached out to Representative Thomas to ask him why it was 66 and if he could do anything about it. He did, and I think him and Representative Deeter for this bill. I know it isn't much, but it means something to me and I know other seniors who enjoy hunting and fishing. This is a small way to correct something that shouldn't have been the case.

Thank you for reading my testimony and I hope I can soon see this bill put into law.

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